The Mar Thoma Parish Sharjah

"A Promise and a Way for Hope and Light in the Midst of Clouds"

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Happy New Year 2011

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Message from the Asst. Vicar

Dearly Beloved in the Lord

The beginning of every New Year finds many people making resolutions to improve their lives. Some resolve to lose weight or quit smoking, others to study or professional standing. Others resolve to lose weight or stop a bad habit. And there are many people who express the desire to improve their relationships with their families or neighbors. Some resolve to be more active in their church.

While it is natural to make such resolutions at the beginning of a new year, it is also more often than not the case that, within a few weeks or days, we slide back into old habits or forgetting the resolve to "normal," to the status quo. During the subsequent months, little attention is paid to broken resolutions which, first thing in the new year, we solemnly or jubilantly forgetting.

The very heart of the Gospel may be summed up into a single word: repent! To be a follower of Christ means to resolve to change our minds, our hearts, and our lives, resolving to shove off our old ways and desires, but the Lord's.

We are blessed by God on the beginning of a new year, to change, to lamentation, let make our resolution one of repentance and interior change, aimed at "the one thing needful" - pursuing our lives in accordance with God's will. Let us make our resolution to be more like Christ in our thoughts and "resolutions" - replacing them with the desire to be more like Christ in the Lord. And let us resolve to remain vigilant in fulfilling this resolution, especially in times of temptation or distress - times when the Lord spoke to us through our prophet Isaiah saying, "and direction is in our ears, saying, this is the way, walk ye in it."

discover that indeed the Lord is with us at every moment and in every circumstance, giving us the resolve to grow in and within the Lord, and to walk in the Lord.

2011 January 14th, we are planning to celebrate our Harvest Festival. "Honour the Lord with your substance, and with the first fruits of all your crops, then your barns will be filled to overflowing" Proverbs 3:9-10.

With love in Christ,
Rev.K.S.Mathews

Message from the Vice President

HAPPY NEW YEAR !

"It gives me a great pleasure in wishing you and your families a very happy and blessful New Year.

As we enter the year 2011, we must have dreams, vision and a firm commitment. Before doing so, it is worthwhile to look back and count blessings. Many of us are and the progress achieved in our activities for the last one year. There is an old saying "Blessings are Bonus". We are in the last lap of the year and the coming New Year is the time for new beginnings. It is time to dream and do things which could make another year a fruitful. Inherent New Year message is to embrace life and let go the past. Inspirational New Year messages serve that purpose.

May we live as God intended, in a world at peace and the awareness of his love in every sunset, every sunrise, every heartbeat, every breath. May we be blessed with the knowledge that God is constantly in our heart. Paul said to the Ephesians, "Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the armour of God, that you may be able to withstand the devil's schemes" Ephesians 6:10-11. Let us be strong in the Lord and put on the armour of God, so that we may be able to withstand the devil's schemes in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Jesus Christ" (1 Thess 5:16-18).

Charles Alexander
Parish Vice President

Welcome to New Members

1	CK	Adi	Mr.Ajo Abraham Mar Thoma Valiyaveetil Kottayam Kerala 00.00.1984	2	DB	Adi	Mr. Arun Thomas Devasia Mr.Tony Cherian Thomas Kottayam

Lectionary & Area Acolytes

Date	Day-Time	Acolytes	Holy Qurbana (Old) Theme	1st Lesson	3rd Lesson	Epistle / Gospel
31-Dec	Fri-10.30am	Kottarathil Kottayam	HQ - New year Day Circumcision of our Lord Renewal of the Covenant	Jer 31:23-40	2 Cor 1:1-18	Acts 4:1-12 Eph.4:25-29
2-Jan	Sun-8.00am	SCS	HQ - Gospel for 8th Ely (old style Holiyo)	Isaiah 51:1-11	Acts 20:17-26	2Tim 2:11-19 3/Mat 5:38-39
9-Jan	Thur-7.30pm	UMC	HQ - Epiphany Mar Gregorios Mar Baselios(Kalathil)	Isaiah 25:1-11	Acts 19:1-7	Rev 21:1-8 3/Mat 5:1-12
13-Jan	Fri-7.30am	ABS	HQ - Temporarie Day - Expiration of Mara Bh.	Zec 11:13	Rev 5:1-6	Rom 13:8-14 3/Mat 5:13-16
15-Jan	Thur-7.30am	ABM	HQ-Faith that transcends Prosperity Gospel	Gen.15:1-16	1Tim 4:3-12	Phil 3:7-16 3/Mat10:17-22
20-Jan	Thur-7.30am	CS	HQ-Ecumenical Sunday Mar Thoma Day	Isaiah1-9	Rev7-9-17	Gal.4:1-8 3/John17/20-24
23-Jan	Sun-8.00am	SCS	HQ- Gospel for 9th Ely			
27-Jan	Thur-7.30am	KVS	HQ- The Creation which God has seen Good	Gen.1:26-31	Rev21:1-17	Col.1:15-23 3/Mat 6:19-23
30-Jan	Sun-8.00am	SCS	HQ- Gospel for 10th Ely			
3-Feb	Thur-7.30am	ABM	HQ- Medical Mission Day Jesus the Healer	1Tim.5:1-16	Acts.3:10	Jam.5:13-18 3/Mat.7:21-27
6-Feb	Sun-8.00am	SCS	HQ- Gospel for 11th Ely			
10-Feb	Thur-7.30am	ABS				

Harvest Festival 2010-2011

Aadiyapadi Sakhyam

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Proverbs 3:9-10

16th January 2011, Friday, 10.15am onwards

Programs: Auction, Various Food Stalls and Drinks, Bible Quiz, Children Entertainment Programmes, Medical Camp. Games for all age groups, Mini-Raffle, etc.

For More Details please contact Central Committee: Rev. Thomas Kathankattil (O# 5-02-500-79/Mob: 050-6674-000)
Sub Convenors: Auction: Mr. George Thomas & Mr. Binoy P. Samuel
Food & Drinks: Mr. Ajith Thomas & Mr. Ajith Thomas
Games: Mr. Joyce A Philip, Mr. Mani Jose Chacko & Mrs. Sobhana George
Publicity & Media Entertainment: Dr. Shibu Varghese & Mr. Ashish Thomas
Games: Mr. Mathew K Alexander & Mr. Reji Varghese Thomas
Medical Camp: Mr. Binoy P Samuel
Mob Kuffar

Carols 2010

Area Prayer Meetings

Area	Date	Time	Place	Host by	ST No	Tel. No.
ABM	05-01-11	Mon	7.30 pm	Mr. George Mathew	04-5387-127	050-5429-127
ABS	11-01-11	Tue	7.30 pm	Mr. Abraham Mathew	04-5387-127	050-5429-127
CS	13-01-11	Thur	7.30 pm	Mr. Vinoy Varghese	V-129	050-4679551
UMC	04-01-11	Tue	8.30 pm	Mr. George C Mathew	C-649	050-4627961
KVS	27-01-11	Thur	7.30 pm	Mr. Babu John	V-129	050-5529671
CA	05-01-11	Mon	8.30 pm	Mr. Thomas Kurian	T-69	055-9866375
				Mr. Widyam M Thomas	B-6	050-5970550
ABM	17-01-11	Mon	8.30 pm	Mr. Ajith Thomas	C-66/B/F02	050-5429-127
KCH	03-01-11	Mon	8.30 pm	Mr. Shibu T John	S-290	050-4729532
				Mr. Ajit Thomas	C-66/B/F02	050-5429-127
ABS	17-01-11	Mon	8.30 pm	Mr. Jiju Solomon Varghese	T-180	050-7948319
MM	17-01-11	Tue	8.30 pm	Residence	Mr. Thomas Zachariah	T-31	050-4327196
MT	18-01-11	Tue	8.30 pm	Mr. Alexander Abraham	A-66	050-4327197
ABS	17-01-11	Mon	8.30 pm	Mr. Sabu John	S-181	050-4729532
BMN	18-01-11	Tue	8.30 pm	Residence	Mr. Kurian David P	K-9	050-5275550
TG	18-01-11	Tue	8.30 pm	Mr. Alexander Abraham	A-66	050-4327197
				Mr. George John	C-156	050-4327197
KHS	25-01-11	Tue	8.30 pm	Mr. Thomas A Baby	T-156	050-4614146
KCH	03-01-11	Mon	8.30 pm	Mr. Ajith Varghese/Thomas	S-274	050-4729532
UMC	7.00pm on all Fridays except first Friday Contact Area Secretary					050-4729819

February Prayer Group Dates
4-03.06, 7-APR, 8-MAY, 10-JUN, 05-JULY, 11-AUG, 08-SEP, 22-JUL, 22-JUL, 22-JUL